

Urban Greening Grant Program Draft Guidelines Public Comment Meeting

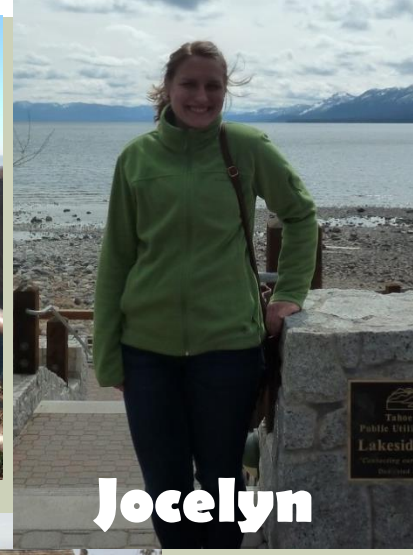




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AGENDA

URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM

Authority

Appropriation (\$\$)

Eligible Entities

Eligible Projects (Statutory requirements/priorities)

California Climate Investments/Quantification

Application/Selection Process

Estimated Timeline



AUTHORITY

URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM

- Assembly Bill (AB) 32, California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
- AB 1532
- Senate Bill (SB) 1018
- SB 862
- SB 535
- SB 859



APPROPRIATION

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\$80.0 MILLION

- No match required
- No minimum, maximum



ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

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- **Public Agencies**
- **Nonprofits - 501(c)(3)**
- **Special Districts**
- **Joint Powers Authority**





ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

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■ What is urban?



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

GHG QUANTIFICATION

- **GHG reductions will be quantified from the following project activities that:**
 - **Sequester and store carbon by planting trees**
 - **Reduce building energy use from strategically planting trees to shade buildings**
 - **Reduce commute and non-recreational vehicle miles traveled by constructing bicycle paths, bicycle lanes, or pedestrian facilities**

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STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- **Must be accomplished by -**
 - a) Acquiring, creating, enhancing, or expanding community green spaces, **AND/OR**
 - b) Using natural systems, or systems that mimic natural systems
- **Must provide multiple benefits**
 - a) Reduce air pollution
 - b) Reduce water pollution
 - c) Reduce consumption of natural resources
 - d) Reduce consumption of energy

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STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

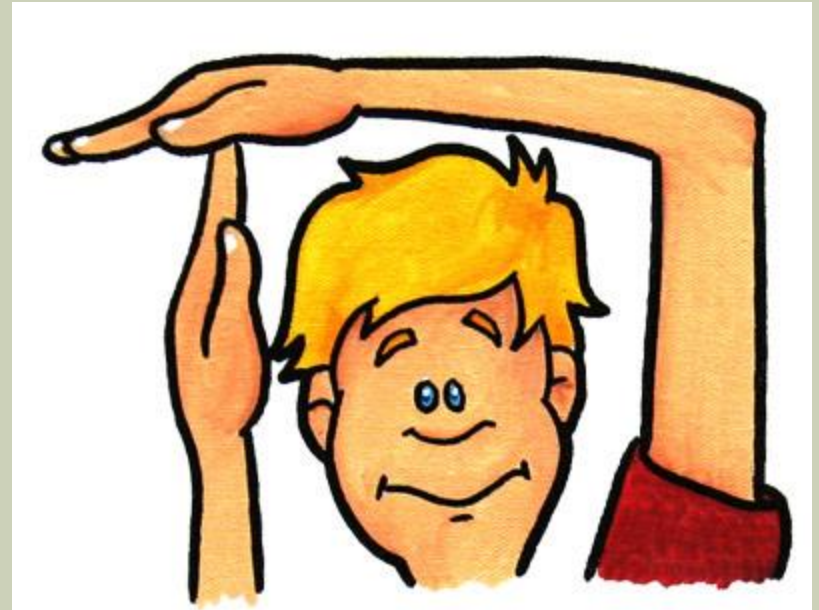
- Enhancement and expansion of neighborhood parks and community space
- Green streets and alleys
- Non-motorized urban trails that provide safe routes of travel
- Urban heat island mitigation and energy conservation efforts
- Greening of public lands and structures, including school yards, and which may include incorporation of riparian habitat for water capture and provide for other public and private wildlife benefits

TIME OUT!

Let's break it down

1. Choose the project activities
2. Either this and/or that...
3. Choose examples...
 - Consider multiple benefits

EASY 😊



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*STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED) -
DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES*

- SB 535/CalEPA
- Critically underserved communities
- Median household income



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*STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED) -
DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES*

Required Target-

- 75% to projects in and benefitting disadvantaged communities per SB 535



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STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED) - DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

In order to meet the disadvantaged community target, projects **MUST**:

- Be located within the community
- Provide benefits to the community; AND
- Address a meaningful community need

TIME OUT!

CHECK LIST –

1. Disadvantaged?

1. SB 535?

- Within AND Serving
- Meaningful need

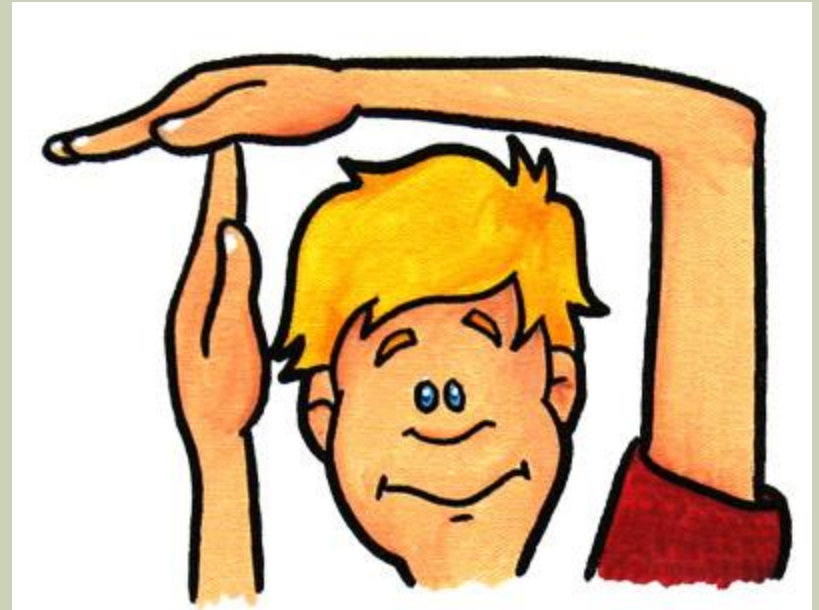
2. SB 859?

- Median Household OR
- Critically Underserved

2. Not Disadvantaged?

1. Statutory Priorities (pg 4)

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STATUTORY PRIORITIES

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act (AB 31)



For more information
visit:

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26025

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STATUTORY PRIORITIES, CONTINUED

- Provide park and recreational benefits to disadvantaged or critically underserved communities
- Proposed by a disadvantaged or critically underserved community
- Develop partnerships to strengthen outreach
- Use interagency cooperation
- Use existing public lands and facilitates the use of public resources, including schools

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OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- **Comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000).**
- **Acquired from a willing seller (acquisitions only)**
- **Comply with all current labor codes**
- **Provide public access, where feasible**
- **Walkability and functionality**

PROJECT EXAMPLES

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Greening of existing public lands and structures, including schools



PROJECT EXAMPLES

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Non-motorized urban trails that provide safe routes for both recreation and travel between residences, workplaces, commercial centers, and schools



Before



After

PROJECT EXAMPLES

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Green streets and alleys that integrate green infrastructure elements into the street or alley design, including permeable surfaces, bioswales, and trees



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Tree Canopy/Shade Trees



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Tree
Canopy/Shade
Trees (with
stormwater
benefits)



PROJECT EXAMPLES

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Neighborhood, city, regional, or county parks and open space



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Before

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After

PROJECT EXAMPLES (CO-BENEFIT) URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM

Economic, social, and health benefits including, but not limited to, recreational opportunities, workforce education and training, contracting, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities.



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STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Didn't see your project in the examples?

- Tell us what you are thinking
- Provide a one-page summary



INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

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- Projects that do not reduce GHG emissions
- Projects that create parking lots
- Operations and maintenance projects
- Programmatic projects, such as education
- Acquisitions not from a willing seller
- Acquisition projects without a development component
- Planning only
- Projects that create or improve roads for motorized use



CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS

GHG QUANTIFICATION

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Investments must reduce GHG emissions and further the purposes of AB 32
- The Air Resources Board (ARB) is responsible for developing quantification methods (QM) for projects receiving GGRF money
- GHG QMs are developed to be research-based, user-friendly, accessible, and consistent for use across California
- QM development includes a public process
 - Draft QM/calculator tool posted for public comment
 - Final QM/calculator tool posted for application process
 - QM/tools available at:
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/quantification.htm>



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUANTIFICATION METHODOLOGY

- Applicants will calculate estimated GHG reductions using approved QM/calculator tool
- GHG estimates are based on project specific information
- Project documentation includes:
 - Estimated GHG reductions
 - Cost effectiveness (GHG reduction per \$)
- Awarded projects will be responsible for GHG related tracking and reporting requirements

APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS

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- Review Application Guidelines and Procedures
- Submit a one page summary (optional)
- Complete and submit the grant application online to the System for Online Application Review (SOAR) by 5 p.m. of the deadline.
- Upload documents and files to the SOAR system
- Save feature
- Submit four hard copies of the complete grant application package to the State by the deadline (postmarked).

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APPLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

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- Resolution
- Site control
- Project scope/site plan
- Cost estimate
- Other sources of funds
- Plant palette
- List of applicable permits
- Operation and maintenance (intent letters)

APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM

Competitive Five Step Process –

- 1) Review for completeness and initial pass/fail eligibility
- 2) In-depth review for eligibility and competitiveness
- 3) Site visits for select projects
- 4) Final evaluation/recommendations to Agency Secretary
- 5) Funding awards announced



ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

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- Public comment period: Now through December 5, 2016
- Final guidelines and methodology released: Spring 2017
- Technical assistance workshops: Spring 2017
- Applications due: Spring/Summer 2017
- Application review/scoring/field visits: Spring/Summer 2017
- Recommendations to the Secretary: Summer/Fall 2017

ADDITIONAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- California Urban Rivers Program
 - In progress / Next cycle Summer 2017
- California Museum Program
 - Round 1 closed / Next cycle Spring 2017
- Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program
 - In progress / Next cycle Spring 2017

For more information, visit:

<http://resources.ca.gov/grants/>



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